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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2-11 and 13-15 as follows:

2. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fusion partner is selected from the group consisting of: protein D or a fragment thereof from Haemophilus influenzae B, lipoprotein D or fragment thereof from Haemophilus influenzae B, NS1 or fragment thereof from Influenzae Virus, and LYTA or fragment thereof from Streptococcus Pneumoniae.
3. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1 [or 2] wherein the E6 or E7 proteins are derived from HPV16 or HPV18.
4. (Amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1 [, 2 or 3] wherein the E7 protein is mutated.